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**REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

Sir:

After due consideration of the Examiner's Answer, Appellant concludes the issues on appeal are fully presented in his Appeal Brief. Accordingly, no Reply Brief will be filed.

Appellant requests the patent application be immediately forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for a prompt decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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